# INCIDENT PROCUREMENT DATABASE USER GUIDE

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### Introduction

This database was developed to track purchases as well as agreements made for any type of incident, much like the original Buying Team Spreadsheets. The reason to move towards a database, is to streamline the information gathered while procuring equipment, services, and supplies for tracking cost as well as following trends in purchases. This user guide will go over the setup, input, and closeout of the database by incident.

The database is set up to follow the logical progression of tracking buying team members, recording the incident host unit, followed by the orders placed. The user information entered into the system will automatically update a series of canned reports which can be printed or e-mailed to the appropriate receiver. It is recommended to look at reports as data is entered to see how your information will be displayed.

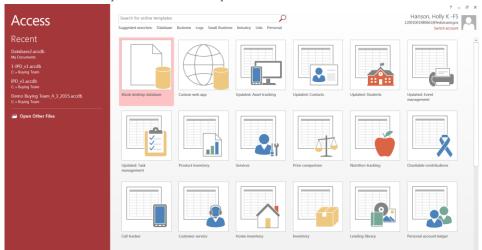
Buttons have been created as either hot links or basic execution functions. All have been labeled for their actual use.

This database was field tested during the summer of 2015 and revisions were made based on feedback from the field. Overall the database was successfully deployed on a total of 53 incidents across 9 dispatch centers in Region 6.

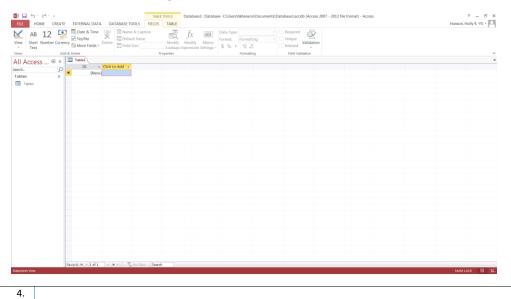
If at any time, this database is too cumbersome or becomes corrupt the user shall have to default back to the National Buying Team spreadsheets.

# **Setup**

- 1. Launch the Microsoft ACCESS Program
- 2. Double click and open a Blank desktop database

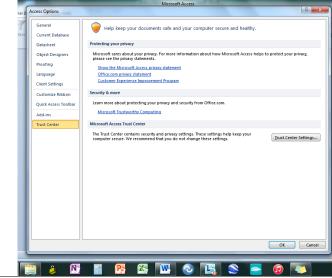


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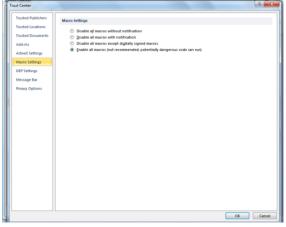


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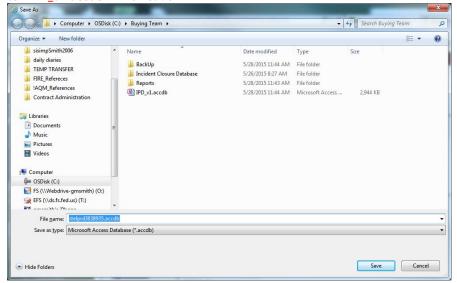


5. Then click on the click on "Macro Settings" and check the "Enable all Macros"

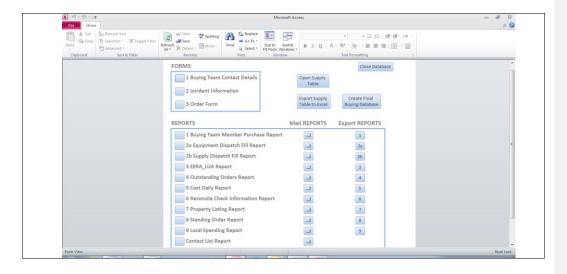


- 6. Click the "OK" radio button and you are done with the set up.
- 7. Create a folder on your "C" drive and name it "Buying Team"

- 8. Download the database from <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/workingtogether/contracting/?cid=stelprdb5356405">http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/workingtogether/contracting/?cid=stelprdb5356405</a>
- 9. Right Click on the "NEW Buying Team Database" and then select "Save Target as...."
- 10. Select the "C:/Buying Team" Folder and make sure you rename the database to "IPD\_v1.accdb". Then save.



11. Now open the Buying Team Database and the user should see this main screen.



### **Input**

From the main screen, under Forms, start with #1-Buying Team Contact Details. Then Move onto #2-Incident Information, followed by #3-Order Form. The flow of data information in every from is from top to bottom left to right. The information gathered should follow this logical progression. Bold text indicates a drop down field.

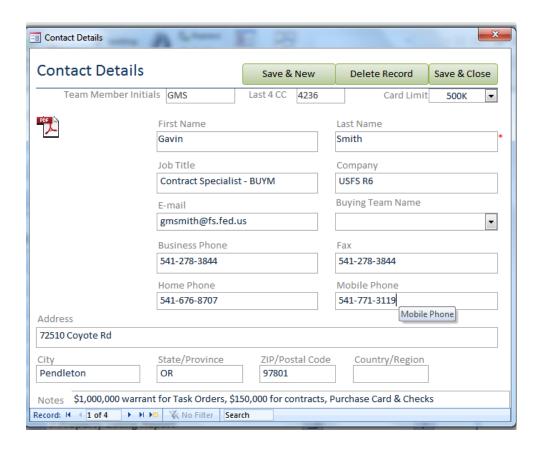
# **Definitions by Form**

### **#1- Buying Team Contact Form**

This form will be used every time there is a new Buying Team Member/Leader added to the Incident. It is important to fill this form out in its entirety.

# This form can be used to:

- -track down who made purchases, ie by looking at the last 4 digits of the credit card
- -help us forward information to the appropriate member once they have left the assignment
- -help the Buying Team Leader assign workload based on the Card Limit of the team member
- -contact the home unit in case there is an emergency while on assignment

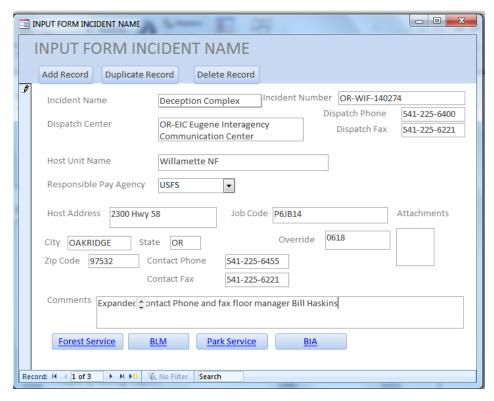


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Team Member Initials	First initials of the team member's name
Last 4 CC	Last four
Card Limit	Single Purchase limit
First Name	As shown on the purchase card
Last Name* (mandatory)	As shown on the purchase card
Job Title	Local title as well as IQCS position on the incident
Company	Where the member typically works
e-mail	Main contact e-mail address after the incident is closed
Buying Team Name	Check with your team leader (editable drop down)
Business Phone	Work phone number
Fax	Work Fax number
Home Phone	Personal home phone for emergency contact
Mobile Phone	Best phone number to contact the team member on the incident
Address	Physical duty station address
City	Duty Station City
State/ Province	Duty Station state
Zip/ Postal Code	Duty Station ZIP Code
Country/ Region	Duty Station Country (if applicable)

Notes	Field to capture critical team member information not listed above
Attachments	On the main form where you see the "Adobe PDF" icon in the screenshot above you can double click in that area and add attachments to the buying team member's profile.
	This is a great spot to upload a copy of the members Warrant if applicable

# #2-Input Incident Form

Every time there is a new Incident you must insert it into this form. You maybe we working several incidents at a time and each of them can be tracked on the one Database. A new incident name is input when a new incident number is created.



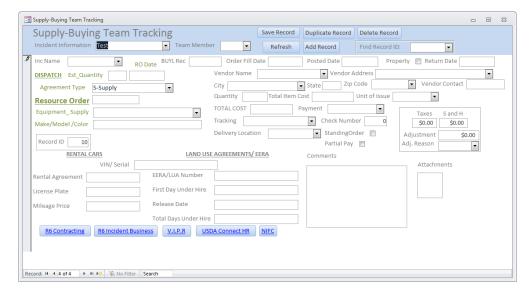
Incident Name	Name on the Resource Order
Incident Number	Number of the Resource Order
Dispatch Center	Short Code (ex. BMIDC) center ID used by buying team for the named incident
Dispatch Phone	Main call in line
Dispatch Fax	Main FAX at the dispatch center
Host Unit Name	Where the incident is located
Responsible Pay Agency Agency who will be the responsible paying unit (editable drop down)	

Host Address, City,	Address where documentation box will reside	
State, Zip Code		
Contact Phone	Primary point of contact ,phone number to call at Host unit	
Contact Fax	Primary point of contact , fax number to send information to home unit	
Job Code	String of numbers and letters needed for card reconciliation	
Override	String of numbers associated with the agency location for card reconciliation	
Comments	Field to capture critical team member information not listed above	
Attachments	On the form where you see the "Attachments" in the screenshot above you	
	can double click in that area and add attachments like phone lists maps, etc.	
Buttons at the bottom	External web sites to gather addresses, contacts, or local information.	
Forest Service, BLM,		
Park Service, BIA		

### #3-Order Form

This is the main tracking form that is used for all of the database entries for Supplies, Services, EERAs, etc.

- This form allows the user to track and comment on purchases by each team member
- Agreements or other pertinent information can be attached in this form and will stay with that unique record.
   This helps dispatchers and local units find critical agreement information.



Incident Information (Pick)	Responsible paying code identified by Dispatch fire number	
Team Member (Pick)	Member who the Resource Order is assigned to	
Incident Name	Incident Name Name of incident user can add other names as needed (once entered it is not	
	editable in the drop down) call customer support to fix	
DISPATCH SECTION		
Estimated Quantity	Block 12 Quantity requested on the Resource Order	
RO Date	Block 12 first Date in this section on the Resource Order	

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Agreement Type	Four options from pick list (default is Supply)
Resource Order	Block 12 List the entire number and carry it out 4 digits including the "Alpha"
Equipment Supply	General Listing of Major Incident Support Components (Appendix Below)
Make/ Model/ Color	255 character description of purchase (be descriptive it will show on future
	reports)
RES	OURCE ORDER DATES & UNIQUE PURCHASE INFORMATION
BUYL Rec Date	Date the team leader received the requisition
Order Fill Date	Date the purchase was actually made
Posted Date	Date the waybill is received from the receiving unit
Property	Radio button if "checked" this purchase will show on Report #7
Return Date	Date the property was returned to the receiving Unit
	PURCHSE/ VENDOR INFORMATION
Vendor Name	Name of store or vendor (once entered it is not editable in the drop down)
Vendor Address	Business address or Physical Location (this is editable and searchable)
City	City of Purchase
State	State of Purchase two letter abbreviation
Zip Code	Five Digit Code
Vendor Contact	Open field for phone number and/or name critical for source book reports
Quantity	Number or items purchased
Total Cost Per Unit	Total amount for all the items without any tax or shipping or handling
Unit of Issue	Based on initial "Estimated Quantity" (once entered it is not editable in the
•	drop down)
Total Cost	Calculated field (Total Cost per Unit) + (Taxes+Shipping and
	Handling+Adjustments)
Payment	Method of pay (once entered it is not editable in the drop down)
Tracking	Method of documentation (indicates how it was received and documentation
	to support the purchase)
Check Number	Unique Number off the check
Delivery Location	Location where item is delivered or resides while on the incident (once
	entered it is not editable in the drop down)
Standing Order	Radio Button that will report this item in report #8
Partial Pay	Radio Button that will show on a future report
Taxes	If taxes are paid and should not be part of the Cost per Unit
S and H	If shipping and handling are required and should not be part of the Cost per
	Unit
Adjustment	If there are any discounts or other fees not listed at taxes or S&H. This can be
	positive or negative in this field.
Adj. Reason	Documentation for reason of adjustment.
	RENTAL CAR & LAND USE AGREEMENTS
VIN/ Serial	Unique number of the piece of equipment or vehicle
Rental Agreement	If there is a unique rental agreement number to reference
License Plate	Indicate state information and unique number
Mileage Price	If a rental vehicle is used then the overall price per mile
EERA/ LUA Number	Agreement Number generated for each piece of equipment or land rental
First Day Under Hire	First day costs are incurred under that agreement
Release Date	Last day this resource is under hire
Total Days Under Hire	Calculated field (Release Date- First Day)
Comments	255 character field

# **Navigating through the Order Form:**

You can use the tab button to work your way through the required fields or click on each entry.

See below for more details on how to fill-out a Standing Order, EERA, or other unique circumstances.

Once you have input your information you must click the blue "save" button or if there is a hot link save becord then use it. Additionally, to ensure the Reports are updated the user should click on the "Refresh" button on any form they are currently using.

Whenever the user has the option to close out the database or the form they are currently using, they should use any "Save and Close" radio buttons if they are available. If none are available the user should always save before closing.

**Closing the Database:** On the Main screen (the one with the report modules) there is a "Close Database" button, this radio button will save, close, and backup the database. If the user closes the database without using this button the database will not be backed up.



The "Create Final Buying Database" button on the main form allows the user to create a final database which can be shared widely and easily without having to initiate the setup steps found in this user guide.

NOTE: You can save the database under a different name and it will function for data input but will lose some capability like backing the database up.

# Reports/ Backup Folders

The main page has a list of reports which are named as described. Example; "Equipment Dispatch Fill" will prompt the user to identify which Incident that will return all records related to equipment assigned to that incident. The reports can be e-mailed or exported using the radio buttons to the right of each category.

When e-mailing the report, the system is set to use Microsoft Outlook, other e-mail systems will not be able to use the e-mail function in the reports. When exporting the report the user will click on the report to export and it will be created and stored in the "Reports" folder which is in the Buying Team Folder located on the "C" drive. Every time the

report button is used it will overwrite the current report that is in the folder. Therefore, the user should rename the reports generated in this folder to avoid overwriting if they choose.

The "Cost Daily Report" has parameters associated with the data which it will generate. The User will be prompted to enter the incident name (block in Form 3 which is a user fill in) and identify the date range for tracking purchases. This report date range shall be based on the "Posted Date". If this field is not filled in no records will return.

The Backup Folder will house the database every time the database is closed by the user and will date stamp the version that is created. If the main database is corrupt the user will have to delete the "IPD\_v1.accbd" database and then rename the previous version with the "IPD\_v1.accbd" name and save it in the main "Buying Team" folder.

# **Summary**

If there are any questions or issues please call 541-278-3844 or e-mail gmsmith@fs.fed.us

# Appendix A Resource List

Resource List
Field1
Computer/ Cell Phone
Equipment-Fire Tactical
Equipment-Logistical
Food-Meals
Food-Supplemental
Fuel/ Fuel Service
Hydration-Ice/Water/Sport Drink
Land Use-Airport
Land Use-Bare Ground
Land Use-Buildings
Land Use-Dipsite
Lodging
Medical Supply
Rental Cars
Sanitation-Garbage/Hazmat
Sanitation-Restroom/Hand wash
Saw Parts
Service-Professional
Supply-General
Supply-Office
Telecom/ Internet

# **Appendix B Input References List**

### SUPPLY SPREADSHEET INPUT DIRECTIONS

Enter resource orders as they are received, do not wait for fill information. Enter the item, quantity, and member responsible for the order.

### PARTIAL FILLS

- If the "EST\_Quantity" requested by Dispatch is more than the "Quantity" under the vendor information it will show on the #4 Outstanding Order" Report as un filled.
- When posting fill information for partial fills, change the quantity and in the comments column put partial fill, i.e. "20 of total quantity of 40 filled".
- When posting as totally filled under the same "S" number the user needs to make sure the "EST\_Quantity" is later changed to match the "Quantity" on the vendor side so it will drop off the "Outstanding Order Report".

### STANDING ORDERS

- For standing orders, as you post the fill information on a certain day, create a new line item with the same
  quantity and the same S# without posted date and total cost. This will leave you a line at the bottom of your
  spreadsheet to use for the next day's fill information.
- Put the date the standing order was received in the comments column. This will be helpful if posting more than
  one delivery of a standing order using the same posted date.
- Additionally please input the "First Day Under Hire" and toggle the "Standing Order" Box on the form this will show on the "#8 Standing Order" Report

### **POSTING CREDITS**

• If you receive a credit or a return an item, indicate the change under the "Adjustment Section" on the #3 Order Form. Change the "Posted Date" so it will show in the Cost Report current date as the posted date and show the amount as a credit. Put a remark in the comments column explaining the credit.

### **CORRECTING MISTAKES**

If you have an incorrect posting, update the current S# using the current date as the posted date and show either
a credit or a charge depending on what you are changing from the original posting. Put a remark in the
comments column, i.e., incorrect posting on 5/18/16.